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Title	:	VERIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RETAIL ITEM AND METHOD OF USING SAME
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Docket No.	:	40091-10018

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This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 27, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 28, 2005. This response is filed within the statutory period.

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